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TRANSONIC HULL AND HYDROFIELD II

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of July 3, 2002, Paper Nº 5, in the above-entitled application, please enter the following response:

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Please add the ready for print specification as printed below.

AMENDED SPECIFICATION IN READY-TO-PRINT FORMAT

Background of the Invention

Technical Field 1.

The present invention relates to improvements on Transonic Hull (TH), and transonic hydrofield (TH), of Application 08/814,418. More particularly, it pertains to certain relations between hydrostatic and hydrodynamic design parameters, to the relation between draft at the hull's stern, center of gravity position, speed regimes, effect of drag on hull's efficiency, and various other effects of draft at the hull's stern. The improvements have been established by means of TH/<u>TH</u> theory, and of tank and model testing, and have yielded important results for the utility of the TH invention.

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